

## MINNEAPOLIS NEWS.

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The coming city campaign promises to be the most interesting political event in the history of Minneapolis. The Republicans effected an organization several weeks ago, after a fight which came near destroying the organization. And, although the "choosen few" have worked assiduously, and flatter themselves that they have put up all fences, and "fixed" things generally, there is an element in the party which is liable to break the yoke, and precipitate a rupture. It looks much like "diamond cut diamond." The Democracy, on the other hand, although slow to organize, are resolute. They now hold the reins to the city government, and with proper and judicious generalship during the pending campaign, can and will succeed. Without the contaminating influences of money, the city is Democratic, and consequently if the party works in harmony and keeps pace with the cashiers of the Republicans, make strong and popular nominations, sees that every vote is registered, and then sees that every voter deposits his vote, there can be little or no question as to the result.

The Republicans of Minneapolis will hold their city convention on March 6th. They have organized as best they could, and have unanimously decided upon the "high-moral" war cry as the motto of the campaign.

### MINNEAPOLIS GLOBELETS.

The real estate transfers filed yesterday aggregated \$11,881.

The fifteenth district lodge, I. O. G. T., is in session in Edina Mills.

Prof. Toussay lectured last evening at Harrison house on his European travels.

A plot of Cedar Lake Park addition was filed yesterday in the register's office.

The Foss M. E. church lyceum gave an interesting entertainment last evening.

The parlor entertainment for the benefit of the "Sheltering Arms" netted about \$70.

A fashionable German was given last evening at the residence of R. B. Langdon.

The Security bank was closed yesterday forenoon, on account of the death of Mrs. Harrison.

An East side plasterer named John Shirley fell from a ladder and suffered a dislocation of his right shoulder.

Prof. Frank Crocker, the roller "skatist," goes to Ashland, Wis., next Wednesday to give an exhibition on ice.

The Scandinavian Temperance society held an interesting meeting in the Swedish Lutheran church last evening.

Frank Newell, for stealing a robe and other articles from O. K. Earle, was yesterday sentenced to thirty days imprisonment.

The chief justice of the United States has contributed an autograph letter to the numerous attractions of the coming army fair.

Last evening Hector Baxter read a paper on "The Possibilities of Life in Democratic America," before the Y. M. C. A. literary class.

Next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock the dramatic and vaudeville will meet at Emmet hall, over the City bank, to discuss the hack ordinance.

Yesterday T. Norbay, employed in Johnson & Hurd's factory, had his arm badly mangled by coming in contact with a fast revolving circular saw.

The officers are searching for Albert Carrion, a collector for the East side bakery, who, it is alleged, has decamped with about \$40, which he collected for his employer.

The philanthropic Mrs. Farr feasted her proteges, the newboys and bootblacks, on bread and milk, at her home last evening. The urchins did ample justice to the fare.

The general manager of the Minnesota Stone company, W. F. VanVoorst, has gone to Kingston, N. Y., to perfect arrangements for shipping North river blue stone to this city.

The Wolfe Tone rifles will give a drill exhibition at Pence Opera house on the evening of the 4th of March, for the benefit of the R. E. L. They will go through the entire manual of arms.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following persons yesterday: Peter Kaska and Mary Bullock; Th. Asbjornson and Elise Barthen Tholensson; Charles Asper and Bertha Bundy.

John Hooley, the advance agent for Mort Hanley's "McSorley's Infation" company, is in the city perfecting arrangements for the production of the play the latter half of next week in the Grand.

In the case of William B. Clapp Bros. & Co. vs. A. B. Van Norman Bros., defendants, and Emanuel Van Norman, garnishee, Judge Young last evening denied the application for a writ of ex ceat.

John Johnson was arrested while breaking open a freight car in the Milwaukee yard. He was brought before Judge Bailey yesterday, but his examination was continued until the morning of February 20, and in default of bonds in the sum of \$300 he was remanded to custody.

The stationary engineers of Minneapolis have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. G. Lacy; vice president, H. F. Pierce; recording secretary, Geo. Johnston; treasurer, W. P. Winkley; door keeper, W. McMillen; chaplain, G. W. Cook; past president, John Norton.

The examination of Wm. Taylor, charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon, was yesterday continued to the 22d instant at 9 a. m. owing to the precarious condition of Nell Pitts, the complaining witness, who is threatened with blood poisoning, which is liable to result more seriously than was at first supposed.

Last evening as Mr. C. E. Cross, of 163 Harrison street northeast, was driving in a horse-drawn carriage, the suspension bridge his horse was frightened by the passing train, and suddenly jumped aside throwing Mr. Cross heavily to the ground. His spine was seriously injured and his face badly bruised. He is confined to his room.

While the question is being agitated, will some of the wisecracks inform the public which is the most virtuous, the proprietor or the patron of a gambling house? Questionable as its morality may be, the former goes into the business as a business venture, while the latter goes in to get the former's money without giving an equivalent for it.

This afternoon the city council will meet in adjourned session. The special work of the meeting will be the consideration of that voluminous building ordinance, which is over six columns in length, printed in fine type. Those who have read the ordinance as published complain of its length, on the ground that it is so cumbersome that its practical use is destroyed. It is probable the council will be in session all the afternoon, and the evening as well.

The fire alarm telephone linemen on yesterday tested every box used by the department, turning in an alarm from each separately, first having notified the men stationed at the various engine and hose houses so that the alarms would not call any one out. These tests are considered necessary occasionally in cold weather, to make sure that the entire system is in perfect working order, and any box found not in perfect working order is repaired at once.

Annie Hoag, a widow, seventy-five years of age, has filed a suit against her youngest son, Frederick E. Hoag, to recover her homestead in Hassan township, which she conveyed to him upon his assurance to remain with her during her old age to attend to her wants, and to cultivate the farm. Instead of so doing he executed a deed of the property to one Gertrude E. Drake. The old lady charges the son with taking advantage of her impaired physical and mental condition and with making false representations and practicing fraud to obtain the property. She asks the court for the restoration of the

title in the homestead, and for the cancelling of the two deeds which she pronounces fraudulent.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. James L. Springfield, druggist, at 928 Hennepin avenue, feeling rather unwell, thought he would take a little ginger for his stomach's sake. Through mistake he took a dose of nuxvomica, from which he suffered excruciating tortures for upwards of three hours. Drs. Murray and Kelly were sent for in hot haste and attended to the suffering man until his condition was safe.

The following parties from Minneapolis are now sojourning at the Hot Springs, Ark.: D. Morrison and wife, R. J. Mendelhall and wife, J. H. Rolfe and wife, Mrs. Shepherd (nee Miss Helen Jones), Miss Abbie Higgins, Josiah Thompson, Jr., Charles Heffelfinger, W. J. Van Dyke, Lincoln Rankin, Frank Trushee, Fred Dean, Will Ankeny, E. H. Stockman, Alfred Stark, John Samuels, W. S. Todd, R. B. Squarier, Mr. Penniman, Jas. Paulsen, F. Nimocks.

The light on the Boston clock has been shut off, and now the pedestrians can only tell the time of day while the light of heaven illuminates its face. It has been maintained at the expense of the owner, but respecting the matter Ald Hahow, a member of the committee on gas, says: "I shall not add this matter to the council at its next regular meeting for I think it is of enough public interest and benefited the public enough for the city to continue the illumination; then too, it is really the only town clock that we have."

On Monday night "Sam'l of Posen" will be at the Grand for the first time in this city. Special advantages will attend its present production in the way of new and elegant settings, particular attention being called to the management to the store sit. Mr. M. B. Curtis has always attracted and delighted large audiences with his capital rendition of the commercial drummer, which is reputed an artistic, natural and funny character. The troupe worked up from beginning to end. The Philadelphia Times says: "M. B. Curtis played 'Sam'l of Posen' before an audience which filled the Chestnut Street Opera house from parquette to gallery last night, and the frequent bursts of laughter and applause proved how thoroughly the peculiarities of the entertaining young drummer were appreciated. Sam'l is well known to Philadelphia play goers, and his quaint humor and attention to 'plishness' have made him quite a favorite."

### MINNEAPOLIS PERSONALS.

Gen. Rosser is home from the east.

Mr. William Welch, of Grand Forks, D. T., is in the city making arrangements to open up a colony in Idaho.

C. H. Prior, the general superintendent of the Milwaukee road, will return from California next week.

This end of the GLOBE was favored last evening with a visit from Capt. T. J. McCormick, of Leech Lake. The gallant captain, in the steamboat "Kate," has succeeded in reaching the highest point ever reached on the upper Mississippi, having gone as far as Cass Lake. This is the first visit he has made to Minneapolis in two years and his many friends are exceedingly glad to see him.

### THE COURTS.

**District Court.**

NEW CASES AND PAPERS FILED.

Barbour Bros. vs. Reed, Daily & Bettman; complaint filed.

David S. Kinkle vs. Andrew H. Kittell; same.

R. M. Helms vs. Theodora Helms; complaint filed.

The Security Bank of Minnesota vs. Geo. N. Culpeper; complaint filed.

W. M. Hammond vs. B. C. Hammond; note of issue filed.

A. D. Brown vs. Condon et al.; summons and complaint filed.

F. Hiltner vs. Wm. Stevens; transcript from municipal court filed and docketed, and execution issued to sheriff.

Anna Hoag vs. Frederick E. Hoag and Gertrude E. Drake; complaint filed.

### Probate Court.

[Before Judge Jelstad.]

In the matter of the guardianship of Irvine C. Stewart, a minor; letters of guardianship issued to Bradford H. Hall.

### Municipal Court.

[Before Judge Bailey.]

Ole Paulson, drunkenness; sentence suspended.

John Morrison, drunkenness; paid a fine of \$5 and costs, aggregating \$13.85.

Joe Hanson and W. Sargent, drunkenness; paid fines of \$5 each and costs.

Henry Graybird, disorderly conduct; sentence suspended.

John Johnson, larceny; dismissed.

Wm. Taylor, assault with a dangerous weapon; continued until the morning of Feb. 22.

Frank Newell, larceny of a horse blanket; committed thirty days.

John Johnson, breaking a railroad car; examination continued until the 20th at 9 a. m. Committed in default of \$300 bonds.

The undertaking firm of Hoffman & O'Reilly has dissolved. Mr. Hoffman retiring. The many friends of Mr. Terrence Connolly, of the poor farm, will be pleased to know that he has become a partner in the undertaking business with Mr. O'Reilly, at No. 24 Second street north.

### NEWPORT.

Thanks for the GLOBE calendar.

It is getting quite a difficult feat to keep top of the snow in this vicinity. Nearly everybody about sick from severe colds.

Newport school adjourned on Wednesday noon, to attend the closing exercises of school in the Scofield district.

The series of evening meetings which have been held in the M. E. church for six weeks are proceeding on Thursday evening. As a result of the continued effort about thirty have taken the stand on the Lord's side. Eight more joined the church on probation last Sabbath.

On Wednesday morning two double sleigh and two other teams, the numbers of the sleighs of the Ladies Aid society started to attend the society held at Mr. John Laramy's about four miles distant. After going about a mile, one of the cutters became discouraged and turned back, the rest proceeded on their way and after a short plugging through snow drifts for two hours or more, finally arrived at their destination, pretty chilly, and with appetites keen enough to do ample justice to the hearty dinner spread for them. As usual they had a splendid time, and the return trip more expeditiously made.

### Chopin.

The compositions of Chopin opened for the piano a new era. They run the risk, however, of remaining unintelligible from a lack of knowledge of the master's manner of execution, of his intentions, of his mode of viewing the instrument. Upon paper his compositions are different from what they are in their adequate tone of life. As an expression of the instrument they are to be placed above the compositions of Weber. They go a step further—they maintain a first step in piano literature. They rank with the ideas of a Novalls, or a Heine. They cannot be arranged, nor be introduced by other instruments. They are the essence of piano. They embody the instrument rather than the speculative idea. They are often great within narrow limits. They are elegiac—lyrical rather than cosmic. But from the standpoint point of the creator's nationality they are ideal—moral. If we glance over the collected works of Chopin we involuntarily exclaim: "So much in so little! Scarcely sixty-four authentic opus numbers, and yet so much within the domain of the intellect." What might not be said about the finished technicality of the man? And as to his respect he stands high above Weber, and what not about his musical principle, his harmony, his modulation, his management of the piano in general, of the left hand in particular. His tone coloring is Bahyalestic. He is in the church however, are his Madonnas to be sought, but in life.—The Continent.

### A Duke as an Amateur Fireman.

[London Letter in San Francisco Chronicle.]

The Duke of Sutherland, is best known as an enthusiastic amateur fireman, and he is never so happy as when assisting at a conflagration. Many a time and oft have seen him some ten or fifteen years ago clad in fireman's uniform, working as hard as the paid members of the brigade, while his bosom friend, the Prince of Wales, clad in like attire, looked on approvingly. This duke leads a reputable life, is enormously rich, and fairly takes his place in the House of Lords and has yet to make his maiden speech, we may conclude that he considers it is no part of his duty to earn any portion of the liberal allowance of leaves and fishes he enjoys.

## DAKOTA & MONTANA.

News Gleanings and Points Specially Collected and Forwarded by Telegraph to the Daily Globe.

[Fargo Special Telegrams, Feb. 15, to the St. Paul Globe.]

### Grave Robbing Ghoul.

More definite facts are learned to-night in regard to the grave robbing that came to light yesterday, and caused the most intense excitement there. The parties arrested were James Allen, S. A. Morris, Samuel Fletcher and James Orr on a warrant sworn out by Maj. Brown on the charge of grave robbery and examined. Ball was fixed at \$2,000 each, which Allen and Fletcher succeeded in giving. The others will probably remain in jail until the session of court. The evidence disclosed that the ghoul work had been carried on for some time and the bodies of several recently deceased citizens have been exhumed to be sent to Ann Arbor and other medical colleges, one of which is in Wisconsin. The way the gang managed was this: Allen, who is a retired prize fighter, engaged rooms over the opera house where the "stiffs" were brought and shipped. Morris, one of the accused, is section of the cemetery and therefore knows the location and contents of graves. The matter was given away by one of the parties, in a drunken debauch, exposing a "stiff" to Attorney Andrews, who recognized it as the body of a well-known citizen deceased a few months since. The remains of several paupers buried at the expense of the county are among those sent away. Those recently bereaved of friends are much excited, and searching parties are investigating the cemetery and opening graves. The indignation against Allen is more intense than against the others, from the fact that he is the instigator of the operations and has pocketed the larger part of the nefarious gains. He has also been charged with pilfering, several times, and was under \$200 bonds.

### The Capital and the Grand Jury.

There are further developments in the matter of the capital commission and the grand jury, which illustrate the pickwickian character of the denials of Gen. Campbell that the subject is occupying the attention of the jury and especially of the general. If robust rumors are not utterly delusive the distinguished gentleman is industriously in pursuit of attested data that can be made to subserve some of the schemes, and what he don't want to know of a prejudicial character to the capital commission is not visible in the light of the present information.

### Damages Excessive.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Richard Morse vs. the Northern Pacific Railroad company was argued in the court today. At last term a judgment of \$20,000 was given Morse for injury received as an employee, which the company regarded as excessive. Decision reserved.

### Justice Stuck Acquitted.

In the district court to-day, another of the indictments against Justice J. S. Stuck was struck, and the justice acquitted. The third one will probably be quashed.

### Dakota & Montana News.

Parties are arranging to open extensive stock ranches in the coteaux, northeast of Jamestown.

T. C. Power & Bro., of Helena, recently bought the 700 head of cattle belonging to the Rosenthal estate for \$35,020.

Quite a colony of comers from Illinois are securing land in Douglas county, which is one of the best sections of the south.

The polo club at Bismarck proposes to challenge the Fargo club to a test of skill. This is a very popular game on roller skates.

If Valley City does not secure the Tower City N. N. it has assurance of the early establishment of an extensive brewery, which will afford refreshing cheer.

Parties from Michigan have decided to build an elevator and roller flouring mill at Steele. This is the center of a very fine agricultural region, and there is no mill nearer than Bismarck.

It is reported that a colony of 300 persons from Nebraska, will settle at New Salem, a few miles west of Mandan on the N. P. The energetic efforts making to fill up the Missouri region are likely to be productive of large results.

An amateur club at Bismarck, is rehearsing Pinafore and expect to give the first public rendition on the 26th and 27th. There are a number of superior performers, who will take part in the opera and there is no doubt it will prove an entire success.

Cel. Morton and family are visiting in Chicago and points south, and since his change his name has been sprung for mayor of the city. It is hoped he will return before the election and consent to this use of his name. Although somewhat peculiar he commands respect and radical ideas, and the right proportions for a safe and judicious executive.

The Helena Independent states that at least twenty per cent. of the skim milk yearlings last year shipped into Montana from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and other eastern states, will be lost this winter. This kind of stock known about "rustling" and the weather conditions have to be altogether favorable to encourage the youngsters to search for grass.

The fire patrol, on the occasion of their grand masquerade ball, St. Valentine's day, gave a sort of Mard Gras street parade through Fargo and Moorhead. Among the laughable features of the affair was a huge rack or box with the heads visible above the sides representing the jury in the libel case, with a fireman's wag at the rear collecting verdicts, one cent.

The Right Rev. W. D. Walker, the new bishop of North Dakota, of the Episcopal church, is announced to be present at the church in Fargo, on the 27. Measures are being taken to give him a formal and elaborate reception upon his first appearance in north Dakota. He will soon after his arrival enter upon his Episcopal duties, and visit all the parishes in the diocese.

It is told that a man named Jones took a claim some ten miles southeast of Bismarck and in digging a cellar for a house he struck a bed of lignite coal, and when it was found he dug it out of the bottom of his cellar. It is said that in that section this kind of coal is often struck by well diggers and that the ground is honey-combed with it. It is reported to be quite satisfactory as fuel when once it becomes accustomed to it.

Lewis T. Hamilton returned from Pennsylvania the past week, bringing with him a lovely letter from a woman, who expresses great satisfaction with the bright cheering and bracing atmosphere of Dakota. Although Mr. Hamilton passed through the stage of existence when every prophet pleases, one in particular, he says he was disgusted with the damp gloomy weather east, with its rains and floods, and is happy to get back to Dakota.

The attempt to keep open the branch of the Northern Pacific, from Lisbon to La Moure, has not so far passed out enough to repay La Moure for the expense of the men of the train that did push through, as it closed up again at once and has remained closed ever since. The business men have sent a formal statement to General Manager Oakes of the annoyance and injury they sustain in connection with the Dakota governors, and Col. Donan is a Dakotan of the blue blood, has brains, is honest, and we do not know of a single objection that could be urged against him. The Progress is not given to making

candidates, but once Col. Donan's name has been mentioned, we will take the occasion to say that the Colonel has the qualifications and the best wishes of the Progress.

The Valley City Times, in speaking of the reported endorsement of Senator Logan by Gen. Grant, in the following takes the view suggested recently in these columns. "And now that Gen. Logan seems to be thus strongly endorsed by Gen. Grant, the rumor that Logan has sent to Chairman Wells an intimation as to the time of the meeting of the territorial convention for the election of delegates to Chicago seems to have some foundation. If not in his own interest then to help some scheme in which he is interested."

The main line of the Northern Pacific has suffered comparatively little annoyance from snow this winter in the section through Dakota. The delays of trains have been generally upon other sections of the line. No other railroad in Dakota is so fortunate in this respect. The snow falls are much heavier both to the north and south. Some of the branches of the Northern Pacific have been nearly impassable much of the time, and this is more or less true of all the lines in south Dakota. This is quite an advantage to those doing business along the line of this great artery of commerce.

Chairman Wells, of the Republican territorial committee, is still struggling to call a convention to name the two delegates and alternate to Chicago. He has discovered that the national committee have fixed the time of holding such conventions at not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the meeting of the convention, which is between the 3d of April and the 3d of May. Some of the members of the committee have asked him to call two conventions, one for the south and one for the north, each to select one delegate and one alternate, but this does not tally with his schemes, and various fanciful objections are raised to it. The project to start a Dakota boom for Logan is interfered with by the sixty days limitation.

It is said that in a dry time all the usual signs of rain fail to materialize in an aqueous way. No such failure can be anticipated in the indications that point to an unprecedented filling up of the inviting openings in Dakota the present season. If the population is 350,000, as now claimed, before the year expires it will loom up within nearly reach of the round figures of half a million. Before it can under such probable conditions come into the union as a state its numbers will surpass those of any four or five territories on their entrance upon statehood. Of the half million population its approximate division will be for south Dakota 325,000, and for north Dakota 175,000. It will be seen that the annual increase in has been about 50 per cent. This will bring the figures for '84 above \$100,000,000. As some have supposed that this region was not specially adapted to stock the figures of the assessors on that point are worth noting.

In 1882 the value of horses was \$3,848,691 and for 1883 it had increased to \$4,882,602. The value of mules in 1882 was \$35,112 and for 1883 \$21,214, of cattle in 1882 the returned valuation was \$2,666,463, and for 1883, \$3,867,072; sheep in 1882 \$153,769, in 1883 \$197,788 and swine in 1882, \$198,983, and in 1883 \$219,348. In the north these interests will be developed far more rapidly in the future than they have been, as vast regions in the west and extreme north are discovering that there resources are specially fitted for this industry. The mouse river country is a natural stock region.

**The St. Paul Pilgrimage.**  
[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

GRAND FORKS, D. T., Feb. 15.—Mr. E. O. Faulkner, of the sub-committee appointed by the committee of ten to make a report on the pilgrimage to St. Paul, with as near nearly all last night, and with Maj. Hamilton and Mayor Degroot to-day. The report covers many pages, and will be published in pamphlet form to be widely distributed. It will review the whole question of the pilgrimage and the committee giving an impartial statement of the facts laid before them by the officials of Manitoba, and express satisfaction with the new order of things promised by them. They consider the concessions a great victory to the farmers and hold that the present bill as yet made is good, fair, and in the interest of the region, and will have the effect to greatly encourage immigration and also give new vigor to farmers who had almost despaired of making agriculture profitable.

**No Dietries in Dakota.**  
[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

MITCHELL, D. T., Feb. 15.—Rev. Ira N. Pardee, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church for Dakota, Mission conference has just returned from an extended tour throughout his territory to his home in Mitchell. He says only a crank could formulate the plea of want and poverty for Dakota. His entire district is in a very prosperous condition, and the brightest outlook enjoyed by the people. Twenty-five new churches will be built the present year by his church, and he solicits no aid except from the church extension society. Three presiding elders and eighty ministers of the gospel corroborate his statement.

**The Extension to Mitchell.**  
[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

MITCHELL, D. T., Feb. 15.—Engineer Valentine, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, has completed the survey and location of the Missouri river line from Scotland to the southeast corner of Brule county, and returned to Mitchell, his headquarters. He, with his party of eleven men and two teams, have been on the line for the past week, closing all the work on the extension of the line, and will be ready to start on Monday next the survey from Mitchell to Scotland. The dirt will fly lively as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

**The A. & C. Association.**  
[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

GRAND FORKS, D. T., Feb. 15.—The executive committee of the Northwestern Agricultural & Commercial association met to-night at the office of Dr. Collins, vice president. Matters were discussed in relation to the convention and by-laws, after some amendments, was adopted. A committee of ten held a session at the office of Maj. Hamilton and received the full report of the sub-committee.

**MINNESOTA NEWS.**

The whooping cough prevails in St. Peter. Glencoe is to have a roller skating rink. An incendiary fire in Fairbault the other night destroyed an unoccupied house valued at \$300 insured \$500.

Some of the young men in New Ulm and neighborhood are talking of emigrating to Washington territory.

Mary Gates of east Red Wing celebrated her birthday anniversary last week, assisted by thirty masqueraders.

Clothes line sneak thieves are infesting many of the villages, notably Mankato, La Suern and St. Peter.

The statement is made that \$25,000,000 more insurance was taken in Minnesota last year than ever before in one year.

The Hancock, Stevens county, Dial Branch says, several tons of fish have been caught at Lake Emily during the past few weeks.

The Glencoe Enterprise has been dressing up new type and thus shows considerable enterprise which will be appreciated by its numerous readers.

On Thursday night of last week the house of Edward Rockbill of Maple Lake, Wright county was destroyed by fire and John H. family were absent, and Mr. Post sleeping alone in the house. The origin of the fire is only conjectured.

New Ulm Review: As freight train No. 17 on the Winona and St. Peter road was going west on Monday night of last week, when within three miles of Walnut Grove, in Redwood county, an engineer discovered something backing up the train, and stopping the train before reaching it discovered the dead body of a farmer named Hanson lying across the track. There were no marks of injury upon the body or anything to indicate

how he came to his death. The body was taken on board the train and carried to Walnut Grove, where it was placed in charge of the station agent. Hanson had a family and owned a farm about three miles west of Walnut Grove.

A Northfield Leap Year party of twenty-four, enjoyed a sleigh ride on a recent Saturday afternoon to Fairbairn. Among them were Messrs Phillips, Drs. Coon, Richer and Crittendon; Mrs. Richer, Mrs. Scriver, Fay Perkins and Miss Perkins. The evening was pleasantly spent at the Brunswick House.

The Blue Earth City Post gives an account of the sudden death of Hjalmar Heyerdahl, a Norwegian by birth. He was a druggist, accomplished and prosperous. He was stricken by apoplexy, and died in thirty minutes. He was 41 years old and leaves a wife and three sons. His life was insured in two companies—in one for \$3,000, and in another for \$2,000.

### TALK ABOUT BOOKS AND WRITERS.

A complete edition of the poems of the late Sidney Lanier is to be published in the spring.

The latest addition to the Home Book series is "Health at Home," by A. H. Gunsey.

The autobiographies of Mr. Edmund Yates of the London World, and Mr. George Agastus Sala, will shortly be published.

Mark Twain's forthcoming book is announced in England as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" a sequel to "Tom Sawyer."

George Fleming, the author of "Kismet," has written a new novel which Roberts Brothers publish this week. It is entitled "Vestigia."

Ex-Gov. Cornell is writing the "Life of Ezra Cornell," his father, the founder of Cornell University.

Two new volumes in the new edition of Donald G. Mitchell's works, "Dr. Johns" and "Bound Together," "A Sheaf of Papers," a new collection of essays, have been published.

A volume of essays, by George Eliot, will contain all that the author was willing to have republished of her contributions to periodical literature, and some short essays which have not hitherto been printed, is in press and will shortly be published by Blackwood & Sons.

The Queen's new book, "More Leaves from a Journal of Our Life in the Highlands" will be published by the middle of February. It is a volume, and will contain eight portraits, besides many woodcuts from drawings made by the Queen and Princess Beatrice.

The new "Life and Literary Remains of Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton," by his son, will be completed in five volumes. The first two volumes being represented in one, bringing the narrative down to Bulwer's twenty-seventh year. The light thrown upon Bulwer's literary methods and experience is the most valuable thing about the work, and the disagreement between the novelist and his wife will prove unfortunately the most interesting to the larger number of readers. The terrible domestic trouble of the pair, which became public property in their day is not reached in the first and second volumes.

A periodical worthy of support is Kneass' Philadelphia Magazine for the blind, whose editor is a blind man. It is printed in raised letters and is published semi-monthly by N. B. Kneass, Jr. The magazine is a success not so much through its list of subscribers among the blind as it is through the interest manifested by others in behalf of their friends. No kinder service could be done a blind person than to place good reading matter in his or her hands, and this magazine is a very good one.

**THE MILITIA OF CANADA.**

Speech by Lord Lansdowne, Showing their Relations to their Great